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Melissa Sargent Announces Endorsement from Arvina Martin

MADISON— Melissa Sargent (D-Madison) released the following statement announcing an endorsement from Madison Alder Arvina Martin for her candidacy for Wisconsin’s 16th Senate District:

“Today, I am grateful to announce an endorsement from Madison Alder Arvina Martin,” said Sargent. “In the three years that she has served as Alder, Arvina has worked tirelessly for District 11 and the Madison community as a whole.”

Martin assumed office as Alder of District 11 of the Madison Common Council on April 18, 2017, and won her re-election in 2019. Martin has worked as a policy analyst and statewide tribal liaison for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Additionally, Martin has served as a voter protection fellow, American Indian outreach coordinator, chief communications officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, and the Native vote director for the Organizing for America-Wisconsin.

“Whether it is workers’ rights, environmental justice, or creating a more equitable community, Melissa has been a tireless advocate for every identity in Wisconsin,” said Martin. “It has been inspiring to watch her progress in the Assembly, and her record of working hard and fighting for what is right is what will make her an exceptional leader in the State Senate.”

“Not only has Arvina made a great Alder, but she has been a great proponent for the rights of Indigenous people and our tribal nations. Her leadership has brought considerable change, and I am honored to be receiving her support,” said Sargent.

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Born and raised in Dane County, Melissa served on the Dane County Board prior to being elected to represent the 48th Assembly District. Before her start in politics, Melissa owned a small business and worked in the private sector. Concern for the greater community and a vision for a better Wisconsin brought her to public service and community activism. She is a proud mother of 4 boys, and lives on Madison’s northside.